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Mr. Tom Gentile
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Dear Tom:

On June 21, 2002, I conducted an aerial detection survey for gypsy moth-caused tree defoliation at Earle Naval Weapons Station. Approximately 36 acres of moderate defoliation (31-60%) and 26 acres of heavy defoliation (61-100%) were detected. This defoliation is depicted in Figure 1.

If you anticipate requesting financial or technical assistance for gypsy moth control in 2003, please contact Brad Onken or me by letter or telephone (304) 285-1541 by August 22, 2002.

Please contact me at the above number if you have any questions regarding this aerial survey letter.

Sincerely,

RODNEY L. WHITEMAN
Forester
Forest Health Protection

Enclosure

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Figure 1. -- Results of the gypsy moth defoliation survey conducted on June 21, 2002 at Earle Naval Weapons Station